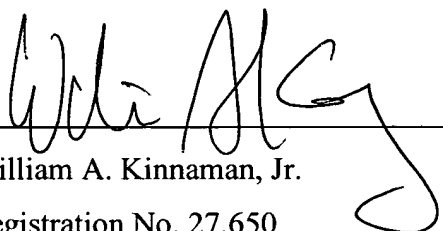


**Remarks**

In response to the restriction requirement of May 23, 2003, and without prejudice to their right to prosecute the non-elected group in a divisional application, applicants have elected Group I, comprising claims 1-20, 24-32 and 34-42, for prosecution on the merits.

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